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Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
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Re: Avista Corporation, The Montana Power Company, Nevada Power Company, Portland General Electric Company, and Sierra Pacific Power Company

Docket Nos. RT01-15-002 and ER02-323-000

Dear Secretary Salas:

On November 13, 2001, the above-captioned companies ("TransConnect Applicants") filed with the Commission an Application for Preliminary Approval of Transmission Rates, Including Innovative Transmission Rate Treatment; Planning and Expansion Protocol; Compliance Filing; and Modified Governance Proposal ("November 13 Filing"). The TransConnect Applicants have proposed to form an independent transmission company, comprising TransConnect, LLC and TransConnect Corporate Manager, Inc. ("TransConnect"), that would own and/or manage electric transmission lines in the Western United States.

This letter is to notify the Commission that by letter dated January 11, 2002, The Montana Power Company ("Montana Power") provided the remaining TransConnect Applicants with notice of its withdrawal from the development of TransConnect. Therefore, Montana Power is no longer a sponsor of the November 13 filing; no other changes to that filing are necessitated by Montana Power's withdrawal. To the extent necessary, TransConnect Applicants request that this letter provide any notice that may be required under the Commission's regulations for this change.

Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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